



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Household Pulse Survey

On June 6, 2023, the Department of Commerce received clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to conduct Phase 3.9 of the Household Pulse Survey (OMB No. 0607-1013, Exp. 10/31/23). The Household Pulse Survey was designed to meet a need for timely information associated with household experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Department is committed to ensuring that the data collected by the Household Pulse Survey continue to meet information needs as they may evolve over the course of the pandemic. This notice serves to inform of the Department's intent to request clearance from OMB to make some revisions to the Household Pulse Survey questionnaire. To ensure that the data collected by the Household Pulse Survey continue to meet information needs as they evolve over the course of the pandemic, the Census Bureau submits this Request for Revision to an Existing Collection for a revised Phase 3.10 questionnaire.

Phase 3.10 includes split-panel tests of two versions of the gender identity question and the placement of the health items in the instrument. The Phase 3.10 instrument also includes the return of the original Hispanic origin, race/ethnicity, childcare arrangements, and children's mental health behaviors items, and new questions on military participation of a spouse, shortages of critical products, difficulty accessing medical care/treatment during natural disasters, and a question asking the respondent if they will opt-in to receive optional surveys and email updates from the Bureau. There are also modifications to existing children's vaccine booster, infant formula, reasons not working, unemployment insurance, natural disaster, and contact information

items. Several questions will be removed for Phase 3.10, including questions about obtaining at home COVID tests, not working due to the pandemic or natural disaster, households affected by the infant formula shortage, type of formula used, and best contact method.

It is the Department's intention to commence data collection using the revised instrument on or about August 23, 2023. The Department invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously sought on the Household Pulse Survey via the Federal Register on May 19, 2020, June 3, 2020, February 1, 2021, April 13, 2021, June 24, 2021, October 26, 2021, January 24, 2022, April 18, 2022, July 2, 2022, November 10, 2022, and April 28, 2023. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments on the proposed revisions.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce

Title: Household Pulse Survey

OMB Control Number: 0607-1013

Form Number(s): None

Type of Request: Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection

Number of Respondents: 141,552

Average Hours Per Response: 20 minutes

Burden Hours: 46,712

Needs and Uses: Data produced by the Household Pulse Survey are designed to inform on a range of topics related to households' experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics to date have included employment, facility to telework, travel patterns, income loss, spending patterns, food and housing security, amount of monthly rent and changes in monthly rent, access to benefits, mental health and access to care, difficulty with self-care and communicating, intent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine/booster, timing of coronavirus testing, use of coronavirus

treatments, the experience of long COVID, post-secondary educational disruption, access to infant formula, the effects of increasing prices, natural disasters, school meals for children, and children's mental health treatment. The requested revision, if approved by OMB, will remove selected items from the questions for which utility has declined and add questions based on information needs expressed via public comment and in consult with other Federal agencies. The overall burden change to the public will be insignificant.

The Household Pulse Survey was initially launched in April, 2020 as an experimental project (see <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products.html>) under emergency clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) initially granted April 19, 2020; regular clearance was subsequently sought and approved by OMB on October 30, 2020 (OMB No. 0607-1013; Exp. 10/30/2023).

Affected Public: Households

Frequency: Households will be selected once to participate in a 20-minute survey

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 182 and 193.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607-1013.

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